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1. CHOU En-lai *25X1* stated that the Communist Party authorities who were planning to set up a new government for the country did not condone the efforts on the part of foreigners to establish exclusive trading privileges. He was referring specifically to the efforts of an American then in Peiping who had talked with several high Communist Party officials.
2. CHOU questioned *25X1* about elections in the United States, asking about Henry Wallace's chances of becoming the next president. He also asked about the Communist Party in the United States, stating that the Chinese Communist Party wanted to help the one in the United States, realizing that it is very weak. He noted that the Party in the United States had done very little to help the Chinese Communists.
3. CHOU asked about overseas Chinese, wondering about the effectiveness of Kuomintang propaganda amongst them.
4. The relative unimportance of China trade to United States economy was made clear to CHOU. He seemed to be very interested in the explanation of this situation.

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